

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, William Gene "Bill" Peterson was born on December 15, 1950, to William and Opal (Johnson) Peterson at Vermillion, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Bill's first employment was filling pop machines at his parents' Tip Top Café, he graduated from Vermillion High School, and attended The University of South Dakota where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and served as student body president; and,

*Whereas*, In 1979, Bill was hired by the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, in 1983; he joined the State Chamber of Commerce in Pierre; Bill served as chief of staff for Lt. Governor Lowell Hansen; and, in 1988, started the public affairs program for Western Surety Company, now CNA Surety where he currently serves as Vice President of Public Affairs; and,

*Whereas*, Bill married Sue Lucas on June 15, 1991, at Eastside Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, and their lives have been blessed by three sons: Lucas, Robert, and William; and,

*Whereas*, Bill was elected to represent the people of District 14 in Sioux Falls in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1996 to 2004, being elected twice by his colleagues as House Majority Leader; and,

*Whereas*, Bill observed his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 15, 2010, and will join family and friends at a surprise gathering on December 18, 2010, to celebrate his life and enjoy the camaraderie of the day:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 18, 2010, as

### *BILL PETERSON DAY*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

